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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) announced that the mileage reimbursement rate for VA medical appointments will increase from 11 to 28.5 cents per mile. This action follows a mileage reimbursement rate increase from 11 to 28.5 cents in January 2008. Both actions are part of the VA's ongoing effort to improve the quality of care for veterans. “We owe it to our veterans to provide them the best care possible,” Rep. McNerney said. “This increased reimbursement rate is a small but important step in that direction.” Service connected veterans, veterans receiving VA pensions, and veterans with low incomes are eligible for the increased rate. If any veterans eligible for mileage reimbursement encounter difficulty claiming it, or have other trouble with the process, they should contact their local VA medical center.